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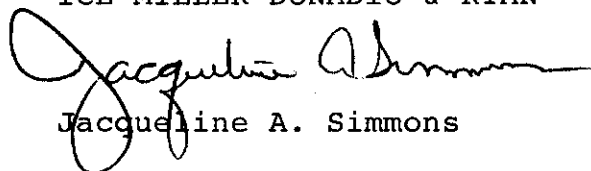
Re: HIMCO, Inc.
Response to Request for Information

Dear Ms. Swales:

Enclosed is Excel Industries, Inc.'s response to the Request for Information which was attached to an undated letter from Norm Niedergang, Chief, Remedial and Enforcement Response Branch. If you have any questions or further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ICE MILLER DONADIO & RYAN


Jacqueline A. Simmons

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Enclosure

cc: Ken Nemes

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION V

In the Matter of)	
HIMCO, Inc.)	
Dump in Elkhart,)	Response to Request
Elkhart County, Indiana)	for Information

Excel Industries, Inc. provides the following response to the Request for Information of the United States Environmental Protection Agency which was attached to an undated letter from Norm Niedergang, Chief Remedial and Enforcement Response Branch, to Excel Industries, Inc. In providing this response Excel Industries, Inc. does not waive any legal arguments it may have as to whether Excel Industries, Inc. is legally responsible for any activities of its wholly owned subsidiary, Excel Corporation, or of the predecessor to Excel Corporation, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, for the manufacturing activities and waste disposal practices to which this information request is directed.

1. Ken Nemes, Risk and Safety Manager
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2. The following documents were reviewed and are attached:
 - (a) SPC-17 report for January 1, 1977 through January 31, 1978 submitted to the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board.

- (b) Agreement for disposal of waste dated December 22, 1977 between Excel Corporation and Michiana Solid Refuse Services.

Other documents were reviewed but dealt only with waste disposal after the time periods set forth in the information request. Therefore they are not identified or attached.

3. At the present time we are not aware of any persons who would be able to provide a more detailed or complete response to these information requests other than those persons already known to U.S. EPA.
4. The primary business of Excel Corporation or its predecessor, 1120 North Main Street Corporation, was the manufacture of automobile and truck sash and window assemblies, school bus sashes, recreational vehicle sashes, stainless steel tubing, windshields and sashes for military trucks, and other military truck components.
5. The manufacturing processes involved standard production techniques such as rolling, welding, stamping, painting, plating, cleaning and assembly. Raw materials used included glass, rubber, steel, aluminum, glazing compounds, solvents, paints and plastics.
6. No wastes were generated other than those identified in response to question #5.
7. (a) HIMCO Waste-Away Service, Inc.
(b) Michiana Solid Refuse Services, a Division of Sturgis Iron & Metal, Inc.
(c) Robert Genth
8. Excel Industries, Inc. is still attempting to locate all information and documents which may relate to waste disposal from the Excel Corporation or 1120 North Main Street Corporation's manufacturing facility from January 1960 to December 1977. If additional information or documents are identified a supplemental information response will be provided.
9. There are no records to indicate that any waste was dumped on the site, although it is believed that broken glass may have been deposited in areas that were subsequently filled and upon which buildings were constructed.


Ken Nemes
Risk and Safety Manager

Ruby A. Heiman
Signature

RUBY A. HEIMAN
Printed

Notary Public

County of Residence:
EUKHART

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST

I. GENERATOR OF WASTE (Must be filled in by producer)

Name (print or type): EXCEL CORPORATIONPick up Address: 1120 N. MAIN STREET - ELKHART, IN 46514
(NO.) (STREET) (CITY)Telephone Numbers: 264-2131 P.O. or Contract No. _____Order Placed By: M. KUHN Date: 12-22-77Type of Industry (SIC No.): MANUFACTURING

Designated Disposal/Recovery Facility: _____

DESCRIPTION OF WASTE (Must be filled in by producer)

Type of Waste: SLUDGE

(Indicate disposal facility code numbers)

Bulk Volume: _____ gallons _____ tons _____ cubic yards _____ other (specify) _____

Containerized Waste: 56 drums _____ pallets _____ other _____Physical State (circle): solid _____ liquid _____ sludge other (specify) _____

Hazardous Properties (circle): none _____ toxic _____ flammable _____ water-reactive _____ strong sensitizer _____ corrosive or irritant _____

air-reactive _____ other (specify) _____

pH (circle): less than 2 _____ greater than 10 _____

Major Components: _____ Concentrations: (N or ppm)

(Ex: Hydrochloric acid, lead, lime, crude oil) Upper Lower

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Special Handling Instructions (if any): _____

DOT Classifications: _____

Name of HAULER (print or type): Michiana Solid Refuse Services Division of Sturgis Iron & Al. Inc.Business address: 2100 E. Centerville Rd. Sargis, MI 49081
(NO.) (STREET) (CITY)Telephone Number: 616-451-7989 Pick-up: _____ Times: _____ on _____

Waste Hauler's Permit No. (if applicable): _____

We certify that the described waste will be delivered to the disposal facility named above.

The HAULER shall retain Copy 3 after delivery. SIGNATURE OF HAULER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT AND TITLE _____

We certify that the above described waste was delivered to the hauler named herein for disposal at the site named above.

DATE 12-22-77 SIGNATURE OF GENERATOR OR AUTHORIZED AGENT AND TITLE _____

The GENERATOR shall retain Copy 2 of this manifest after completing the GENERATOR and WASTE DESCRIPTION portions.

II. DISPOSER OF WASTE (Must be filled in by disposer)

Name (print or type): _____

Site Address: _____

We certify that the hauler named above delivered the described waste to this disposal facility.

Permit No. _____

Volume measured at site (if applicable): _____

Treatment or Recovery Process (circle): Treatment _____ Spreading Area _____ ELF Area _____ Other (specify): _____

If waste is to be held for disposal elsewhere, specify final location: _____

Disposal Date: _____ SIGNATURE OF DISPOSER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT AND TITLE _____

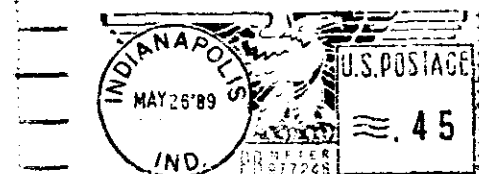
AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSAL AS SPECIFIED

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

White - Disposal Facility, Yellow - Generator Copy, Pink - Hauler Copy, Green - Regulatory Agency

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